

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate the appropriate sequence identifier ("SEQ. ID. NO. 8") next to the nucleotide sequence listed on page 99, line 4. The specification has also been amended to correct certain typographical errors.

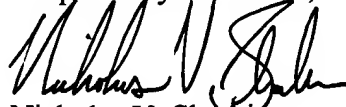
Applicants note that SEQ. ID. NO. 8 was included in the Sequence Listing filed on April 27, 1999 (*see* page 13 of the paper copy). Accordingly, Applicants believe that submission of a substitute Sequence Listing is not required in response to the Notice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,



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